

22nd December.—The first turf of the Diversion of the River Dee cut by the Lord Provost.

The principal subjects considered by the Council during the year were the proposed purchase of the Torry Farm Estate, and the building of a new Bridge over the river Dee, and the appropriation for that purpose of a portion of the Bridge of Don Fund.

1870.

29th March.—Mr. John Angus, Town Clerk, entertained to dinner by the Town Council and the Harbour Commissioners.

1871.

23rd January.—The City portion of the new County and Municipal Buildings taken possession of by the Town Council, and the old Town House vacated.

21st March.—Local celebration of the marriage of H.R.H. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne.

4th July.—At a Public Meeting of Householders a resolution for the non-adoption of the Public Libraries Acts was unanimously adopted.

13th July.—Royal Assent given to the Aberdeen Municipality Extension Act, 1871.

4th September.—The Town Council resolve to convert thirteen acres of Glennie's parks into Public Recreation Grounds (Victoria Park).

November.—The marble statue of Provost Blaikie removed from Drum's Aisle to the Vestibule of the Town House.

Amalgamation of the Town Council and Police Commissioners by virtue of the Extension Act of 1871. [Previous to the amalgamation the Police Board consisted of twenty-two members, namely, two for each of the nine wards into which the Police District was divided, and the Lord Provost, Dean of Guild, City Treasurer, and Convener of the Seven Incorporated Trades—all *ex officio*.]

1872.

January.—The Town Council resolve that their *Committee Minutes* and Reports be in future printed and circulated among the Members.